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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT SECTO 21001, SENT ACTION ATHENS, NICOSIA,
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13 AUGUST:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTO 21001

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LE, US, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: FSO VISIT TO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON

1. FSO EDWARD P. DJEREJIAN, ACCOMPAINED BY TWO SECURITY
OFFICERS, MARK E. MULVEY AND GEORGE M. FRATODDI, IS BEING
SENT INTO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP THERE. HE WILL STAY THERE APPROXI-
MATELY THREE TO FOUR DAYS, RETURN TO NICOSIA AND REPORT
HIS ACTIVITIES AND POSSIBLY RETURN BRIEFLY TO WASHINGTON
FOR CONSULTATIONS. THEREAFTER, HE WILL RETURN AGAIN TO
CHRISTIAN LEBANON FOR ABOUT A WEEK TO TEN DAYS. AS WILL
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BE MADE CLEAR IN THE PRESS GUIDANCE (SEPTTEL), THIS STEP

IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GET IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH CHRISTIAN LEADERS AND OTHERS WITH WHOM EMBASSY BEIRUT HAS HAD NO DIRECT FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT SINCE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR MELOY'S ASSASSINATION. DJEREJIAN SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO THE DE FACTO CHRISTIAN ADMINISTRATION. INSTEAD, WE WANT TO PUT ACROSS THE POINT THE DJEREJIAN HAS BEEN ENLISTED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO EMBASSY BEIRUT WHICH HAS BEEN PREVENTED FROM HAVING ADEQUATE CONTACT WITH THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP OWING TO THE SECURITY PROBLEM; HIS VISIT IS GENERALLY PART OF THE EMBASSY'S OVERALL MISSION.

2. PRESS GUIDANCE AND DETAILED ITINERARY IN SEPTELS.

3. FOR ATHENS: PLEASE MEET AND ASSIST DJEREJIAN AND SECURITY OFFICERS ON THEIR ARRIVAL, PROBABLY SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, AND FACILITATE THEIR ONWARD TRAVEL TO CYPRUS SAME DAY VIA OLYMPIC AIRWAYS (WE WILL CABLE EXACT ARRIVAL DATE).

4. FOR NICOSIA: (A) PLEASE MEET THE THREE MEN, ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SUNDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 15, AND RESERVE THREE (ROUND-TRIP) PLACES ON THE MOST COMFORTABLE VESSEL AVAILABLE DEPARTING CYPRUS FOR JOUNIEH ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16. MAKE RESERVATIONS WITHOUT GIVING NAMES OF THREE ACTUAL PASSENGERS UNTIL THEY ARE READY TO BOARD. PLEASE CABLE DEPARTMENT AND BEIRUT ALL RELEVANT DETAILS RE CYPRUS-JOUNIEH TRAVEL, INCLUDING JOUNIEH ETA.

(B) AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO HAVE DJEREJIAN CARRY WITH HIM THE SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS GEAR LEFT WITH SECURITY OFFICER BY NEA/EX EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONNOLLY SOME TIME AGO; DJEREJIAN AND SECURITY OFFICERS WILL HAVE BEEN GIVEN A BRIEFING ON ITS USE IN WASHINGTON IN THE EVENT WE DECIDE TO USE THIS EQUIPMENT. YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED MAKE IT AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE.

(C) YOU SHOULD PLAN ON GIVING DJEREJIAN ALL NECESSARY SECRETARIAL AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE WHEN HE RETURNS TO NICOSIA FROM JOUNIEH SO THAT HE CAN CABLE HIS INITIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORTS WITHOUT DELAY.

5. FOR BEIRUT: (A) ASSUMING TELEPHONES ARE STILL WORKING AT LEAST SPORADICALLY, YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH INITIALLY WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY, CARLOS KHOURY, AND THEREAFTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL NAJIB DAHDAH TO INFORM THEM OF OUR PLANS TO HAVE DJEREJIAN ARRIVE IN JOUNIEH BY BOAT SOME

TIME IN THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16-20. (FOR SECURITY REASONS, DO NOT GIVE EXACT ETA). DRAWING ON SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE PROVIDED SEPTTEL, YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT WE HOPE DJEREJIAN WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE AND HIS STAFF, PRESIDENT-ELECT SARKIS, CHAMOUN, GEMAYEL, AND PATRIARCH KHURAYSH, AT A MINIMUM. CABLE RESULTS YOUR TALKS TO DEPT. AND NICOSIA SO THAT DJEREJIAN WILL KNOW WHOM FIRST TO CONTACT ON ARRIVAL.

(B) SOME TIME ON MONDAY, AUGUST 16, YOU SHOULD INFORM PRIME MINISTER KARAME OF OUR PLANS. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO INFORM OTHERS TO WHOM AMBASSADOR SEELYE HAD PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED THE IDEA OF SENDING AN OFFICER INTO EAST BEIRUT (JUMBLATT, SAEB SALAM, ETC.)

(C) PLEASE FORWARD SOONEST TO DEPARTMENT AND NICOSIA NAMES, TITLES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS OF THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVES IN JOUNIEH SINCE DJEREJIAN MAY, IN ADDITION TO HIS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, LOOK INTO WAYS OF ASSISTING WITH THE MEDICAL SUPPLY PROBLEM.

(D) PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE EMBASSY FSL JOSEPH KARAM (WHOM YOU HAD SUGGESTED FOR THIS JOB) MEET AND ASSIST DJEREJIAN THROUGHOUT HIS STAY IN THE CHRISTIAN AREA WITH REGARD TO HOTELS, TRANSPORTATION, ETC. BECAUSE OF SECURITY PROBLEM, KARAM SHOULD SIMPLY BE TOLD TO MEET ALL INCOMING BOATS FROM CYPRUS BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 16. HE SHOULD TRY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR FOUR, HIMSELF INCLUDED, AT SUITABLE HOTEL; HE SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO PUT DJEREJIAN PARTY INTO TOUCH WITH CAR HIRE ORGANIZATION. FYI: IT MAY TURN OUT THAT CHRISTIANS MAY OFFER SOME SERVICES IN THIS CONNECTION END FYI.

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6. NOTE FOR ALL: WE WISH TO KEEP THIS VISIT AS LOW-KEY AND ROUTINE-APPEARING AS POSSIBLE. WE WANT TO AVOID GIVING OUT EXACT ETA JOUNIEH TO ANYONE, FOR SECURITY REASONS AND ALSO IN HOPE THAT PUBLICITY ON THE VISIT WILL NOT EMERGE UNTIL DJEREJIAN IS ALREADY IN JOUNIEH. KISSINGER UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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